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.SUBJECT: UNESCO MEETING ON RACE AND RACISM  
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1. PERM DEL REQUESTED TO CONVEY FOLLOWING TEXT OF  
LETTER TO DG M'BOW FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEWIS TO DG  
HIMSELF OR, IN HIS ABSENCE, OTHER SENIOR SECRETARIAT  
OFFICIAL (E.G. FOBES). (LETTER WILL BE AIRPOUCHED TO  
PERM DEL, FOR DELIVERY TO DG, AFTER IT IS SIGNED BY  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEWIS UPON HIS RETURN TO WASHINGTON  
EARLY NEXT WEEK.)

2. BEGIN TEXT:" DEAR MR. DIRECTOR-GENERAL:(BEGIN PARA 1)  
I AM VERY GRATIFIED FOR THE OPPORTUNITY YOU HAVE PROVIDED  
BY YOUR CIRCULAR LETTER 2527 OF JUNE 14, 1976, TO COMMENT  
ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES ON THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT  
DECLARATION ON RACE AND RACIAL PREJUDICE (DOCUMENT  
SHC/MD/33). (BEGIN PARA 2) WE ARE ESPECIALLY APPRECIATIVE  
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TO YOU FOR GIVING US THIS OPPORTUNITY, DESPITE THE FACT

THAT MY GOVERNMENT DECIDED NOT TO TAKE PART IN THE EXPERTS' MEETING ON RACE AND RACIAL PREJUDICE ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO BE HELD LAST JANUARY. AS I KNOW YOU ARE WELL AWARE, OUR DECISION IN NO WAY REFLECTED ANY DISAGREEMENT ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ISSUE. RATHER IT WAS A NECESSARY COROLLARY TO THE DECISION TAKEN FOLLOWING THE ADOPTION OF UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3379 (XXX), THAT IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR THE UNITED STATES TO CONTINUE ITS PARTICIPATION IN THE DECADE FOR ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION SO LONG AS IT REMAINS LINKED TO RESOLUTION 3379 (XXX). (BEGIN PARA 3) OUR POSITION WITH RESPECT TO THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT DECLARATION IS FURTHER COMPLICATED BY THE FACT THAT WE HAVE OFTEN IN THE PAST -- AND AS FAR BACK AS THE 18TH GENERAL CONFERENCE -- EXPRESSED SERIOUS DOUBT THAT A DRAFT DECLARATION OF THIS TYPE WOULD SERVE A USEFUL PURPOSE. INDEED, WE HAVE BEEN CONCERNED THAT IT MIGHT EVEN DETRACT FROM EXISTING UNITED NATIONS INSTRUMENTS ON THIS SUBJECT THAT HAVE STILL NOT BEEN ADEQUATELY IMPLEMENTED. AS WE HAVE EXAMINED THE CONTENT OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT DECLARATION OUR CONCERN ON THIS POINT HAS UNFORTUNATELY BEEN REINFORCED. (BEGIN PARA 4) FOR THESE REASONS, WE DO NOT BELIEVE AN EXPERTS MEETING IS LIKELY TO MAKE A USEFUL CONTRIBUTION TO THE STRUGGLE AGAINST RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, AT LEAST IN THE NEAR FUTURE. (BEGIN COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE) WITH ALL BEST WISHES, SINCERELY, SAMUEL W. LEWIS." END TEXT. HABIB

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